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THE LAKEHEAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB JOURNAL

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VE3FW - LARC call sign - honours the memory of the Founding President - P. J. "Pat" O'Shea

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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT MOUNT BALDY 147.060 (-600) FP
VE3TBR ST. JOSEPH'S 146.820 (-600) FP
442.075 (+5 MHz)
VE3BGA HILLCREST H.S. 145.450 (-600)
(IRLP NODE VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

PREZ SEZ.....

As the Fall season is well underway and the lower bands get better, the LARC is starting its new season. Thanks to the members and guests that came out to our October meeting. I would like to welcome and congratulate Bernard Welmers **VA3BND** as our club secretary for this year.

We need to continue to see an increase in our membership. The financial input is needed to pay our bills and keep our equipment operating.

This coming meeting will be a swap meeting after the regular business meeting. SO bring any radio equipment that you do not need any more and wish to sell. Show your support by attending the meeting on Thursday, November 14th. Hope to see you there.

Your President,
Bob **VE3RVA**

THIS'N THAT from VE3ZG.....

After sitting atop a high rise structure for 21 years, a radio wave emitting device (read TH-6) had lost some of its capability to efficiently perform its normal function. As well, an electronic device capable of rotating the aforementioned emitting device (read rotator), which has performed admirably over the years, suddenly refused to perform its said function. It was with heavy heart and some trepidation that the owner of this combination of appliances approached the keeper of the horn and on bended knee, with much pleading and discombobulation, requested permission from he and the Gods, to perform the much needed surgery to reinstate the devices to their full potential. After promising to never reveal where the event was to take place, and the promise of other amenities, permission was granted.

So on a cloudy cool day in late September, a crew of hardy souls gathered at the said site and began the preparation for the glorious event. Two intrepid high-wire performers with many tools of the trade strapped to their bodies ascended the high rise structure to perform their ballet of disconnecting the huge emitting device from its position atop the structure and lowering it gently to terra firma. With much discussion and gentle persuasion, it was brought to earth all in one piece, without puncturing any windows, or bending any of the many fragile arms. The rotating device was also removed and lowered in a bag, since somehow over the years, four bolts holding the outer casing together had disappeared, and there was a danger that many of the important innards would be lost if not enclosed.

When the high-wire crew descended to take a much needed break, sustenance was provided in liquid and solid form to refresh and revitalize all concerned. The keeper and director of the residence was thanked profusely for her efforts in providing such sustenance. With all parts on the ground, the experts in revitalization went to work

dismantling, cleaning, replacing and re-assembling all the parts after a quick trip was made to obtain some needed material to complete the job. After several adjustments and testing on the ground the rotating device was returned to normal operation, and everything was ready to begin its ascent to the lofty position. With the guidance of our high-wire performers again in their act, the emitting and rotating devices, and new current carrying conductor were hoisted into place, positioned appropriately, and firmly secured. A quick test of the radiation emitting and rotating control confirmed all was in order and the successful operation had been performed.

The operation was thoroughly recorded on film for posterity by the keeper of the residence. Should anyone wish to view them, she may be persuaded to reveal them at an opportune time. Your correspondent wishes to thank the high-wire crew of Norm Bell **VE3XRC** and Bill Unger **VE3XT** for their sterling and thrilling performance, **VA3LU** Terry Stewardson for his valiant performance in re-activating the rotating device when it seemed impossible, and **VE3AJ** Bill Klemacki for his expert rehabilitation of the radiating device.

Thanks also to Marion, **VE3MJN** for slaving away to prepare the condiments provided, and to Joan Klemacki **VA3NCN** for her moral support during the event. My thanks also to the wives of these heroic performers for being understanding and treating them with great respect for their gallant efforts. Since this event took place, three new countries have been added to the log. 73!

Mike **VE3ZG**

(Tks for the article and photos, which appear on a later page....Ed.)

IRLP NETS

A number of people were asking for information regarding when nets are run on various IRLP nodes or reflectors. This information has been extracted from the IRLP Nets mailings from Yahoo Groups. Please note that I am assuming all times to be UTC, as this is not specified in the email. If your net is run on local time, please [let me know](#) and I'll make the necessary adjustments.

If you have a net which isn't listed here, by all means, please [let me know](#). And if you're considering setting up a net, *please contact the reflector owner before announcing your intentions.*

Net	Day (UTC)	Time (UTC)	Reflector	Contact
Wed. Evening Net	Thursday	0100	910	VE3MXJ
AMSAT Net	Thursday	0200	925	?
Insomniac Net	Thursday	0600	925	K6JSI
VK Virtual Pub	Friday	0800-1400	950	?
Kids Net	Saturday	0200-0330	920	?
Hawaiian Net	Saturday	0400	925	KH6FV (Node 372)
International Net	Various	Various	920	VE7RJT (Node 107)

Wednesday Evening Net

This net is held every Wednesday evening at 9:00PM EDT, Thursday 0100Z on Reflector 910. We welcome check ins from all over the globe

AMSAT Net

A net for AMSAT enthusiasts.

Insomniac Net

A nightly California net that is also held on the western reflector in Las Vegas once a week. Your host is Shorty, K6JSI. Take part in the weekly trivia challenge.

VK Virtual Pub

An informal get together to chat about anything. Often includes the '500 Mile High Club', where VK based net participants work the UO-14 satellite while it's over VK. Time is not fixed, falls within range given. All welcome!

Kids Net

This net is to help get our youth population involved in ham radio.

Hawaiian Au Au Net

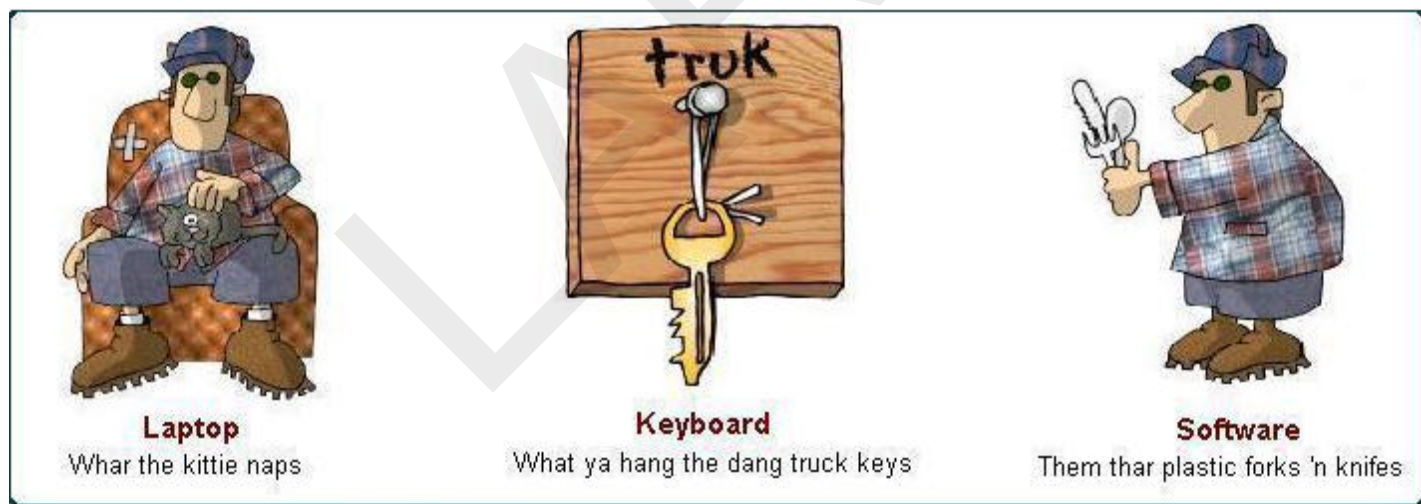
Purpose is to get Hawaiian and transplant Hawaiian Amateur operators together to enjoy our Hawaiian culture and way of life (cause we like shoot the breeze li dat caus it stay moa bettah). So, if you stay Hawaiian (Hawaiian at heart is good enough) come check us out brahh

International Net

The international net runs on a number of different days and times to try and accommodate different regions of the world. The most current schedule can be found [here](#). Nodes from around the world, particularly new nodes, are encouraged to connect to the reflector and take part.

(The above information was received from Brad, **VE3MXJ**, the LARC- IRLP Net Coordinator.)

COMPUTERESE for Country Folk.....



Don't miss a single copy of HI-Q. Send your change of address notice to the Club.

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club History Project

UPSALA REPEATER DECOMMISSIONED

On Saturday October 5th, **VE3UPP**, the Upsala repeater went off the air. Located on the Environment Canada weather radar tower for the past three years, the decommissioning was necessary due to the relocation of the weather radar to north of Thunder Bay. In the very near future, both the radar and the tower will be dismantled and removed from the Upsala site. While VA3OJ Randy and **VE3XRC** Norm hung around at the 100' level disconnecting antennas and heliax, **VA3LU** Terry, **VE3AJ** Bill and **VE3ATC** Leo dismantled the repeater and acted as ground crew for the monkeys up the tower. Thank goodness Randy has a lot of space in the back of his truck as it was loaded for the trip back to Thunder Bay. (Thanks Norm for sub mission.....Ed.)

TBARBs.....

Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Bikers active this summer with its annual "Bike for the Burger" to Stanley and back. Taking part in the venture were **VA3EAP**, **VA3BND** and **VE3AVS**. Thanks to Randy **VA3GOT** for the use of his yard as a rest stop along the way. Special mention is made of Norm **VE3XRC** who has put more kilometers on his two-wheeler this past year than the preceding twenty! Also keep a watch out for Clarence, **VE3WCW** on his new 5-speed trike. As this is being typed, large fluffy flakes of ski powder are drifting past the window, so it won't be long before the **TBARS** (Thunder Bay Amateur Radio Skiers) are hitting the frozen trails.

RAC Bulletin.....

In response to a call for nominees for the Radio Amateurs of Canada-sponsored "Canadian Amateur of the Year Award", the following names were submitted to the RAC Board of Directors for consideration:

1. David Cameron VE7LTD
2. Tom Cohoon VE1TA
3. Tom Domonkos VE3FCK
4. Wilfried (Wilf) Mulder VE7OHM
5. Ernest Myers VE3GM/Doug Last VE3NBL (jointly)

The Board faced a difficult task in selecting from among the five worthy nominations. These fine people have made great achievements in the past and continue to make significant contributions to Amateur Radio today. After careful consideration, the Board has determined that the award should be conferred on Tom Domonkos VE3FCK. The Board congratulates Mr. Domonkos as the 2002 "Canadian Radio Amateur of the Year", and commends all the nominees for their very valuable contributions to the enrichment of Amateur Radio and its worthiness to the public.

(Editorial Note: With all due respect to the nominees, I do think RAC missed the boat in not awarding this honor to Dave Cameron for his tireless and ongoing work in developing and continuing to improve the IRLP system.)

Web sites from Bernard, VA3BND

Hello everyone,

I finally got my last couple of photos from my trip to the Netherlands up on my web site. It took me a little longer than I expected but they are there. I have put up other pictures throughout my trip so there are 30 to 40 pictures on my website. I have written some small bits about each picture on the website.

Throughout this year I will be putting on a number of talks about my experience working in the Netherlands and how forestry is practised there. You are welcome to come to any of the presentations. I should be doing at least one open presentation and possibly some others as well.

The location of my photos are:

www.geocities.com/bwelmerners/photo2 - The first bunch of photos

www.geocities.com/bwelmerners/photo3 - The last couple of photos, the best ones I took.

I hope you all enjoy looking at them

Bernard VA3BND

REGULAR MONTHLY LARC MEETING
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14TH AT 1930 HOURS
ROOM 191 MCINTYRE BUILDING
CONFEDERATION COLLEGE

THE VIEW FROM VE3ZG'S QTH



UP ON THE TOWER.....



AND DOWN ON THE GROUND!!!

Minutes of a Meeting of the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club
held in Room 191 Confederation College
Thunder Bay, Ontario, October 11, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m. by the President VE3RVA, Bob Hansen with 26 members in attendance. The meeting started with a roundtable of members introducing themselves and reporting on any new activities.

Minutes of the Meeting held on June 13, 2002:

Motion that the minutes of the meeting carried.

Correspondence: Letter of resignation from the Secretary VA3EAP resigning for the position of Secretary. Cheerios Mother Daughter walk letter thanking the club for the support at the event.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Moved by VA3TLL and seconded by VA3JRS, Jan. **Carried.**

Equipment: Upsala repeater is taken down and stored. All other equipment is working fine with no glitches.

RAC: Nothing to report.

ARES: Nothing to report.

Public Service: Christmas parade is November 16th, 2002.

Canwarn: Nothing to report.

QRP: Nothing to report. Fred VE3FAL.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bernard VA3BND nominated for secretary by VE3AVS, Dave and seconded by VE3ZG, Mike. Club project, VE3RVA Bob had an idea to fix up a trailer for mobile use at events like public service events. Mark VA3MVR had a proposal to future clubrooms and corporate sponsors for money and donations for the club. Motion to strike a committee to investigate the requirements for funding, VE3AJ Bill, seconded by VE3AVS, Dave. Carried, one opposed. Next months meeting will be a swap meeting. The Northwest Seniors Radio Club disbanded at the 55 Plus Center, VE3MPS Nestor. VE3AJ Bill, is looking for new members for ground crew tower and antenna erections.

50/50 Draw: The winner of the 50/50 draw was VA3PRD, Rod.

Adjournment: Moved by VE3RVA, Bob that the meeting be adjourned.